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Executive Summary of Clover Park Technical College's #RealCollege Survey 2019 Results

The #RealCollege survey is the nation's largest, longest-running annual assessment of basic needs security among college students. In the absence of any federal data on the subject, the Hope Center for College, Community, and Justice created the survey to evaluate access to affordable food and housing among college students.

The report describes the results of the #RealCollege survey administered in the fall of 2019 at 28 out of the 34 Washington State community and technical colleges.

Supporting students' basic needs accomplishes several goals:

1. Increases academic performance and retention.
2. Reduces barriers for returning adults.
3. Makes our jobs easier by allowing students to focus on learning.
4. Creates bridges between CPTC and community organizations.
5. Generates new giving and engagement opportunities.

Across the board, Clover Park students reported higher rates of food and housing insecurity and homelessness than the statewide average.

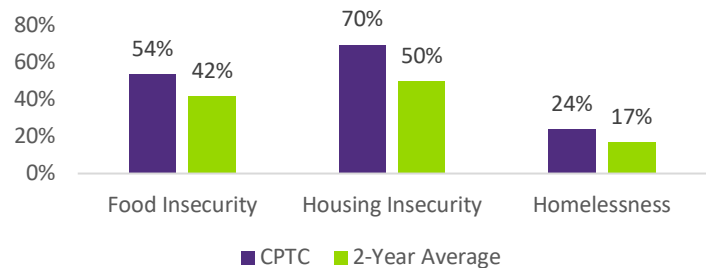
Clover Park Technical College has existing interventions available to students, which can be used to reduce the burden of the challenges our students face.

Key takeaways for CPTC:

- The Foundation plays a critical role in meeting student needs by providing emergency assistance and scholarship funding. With the average emergency assistance award of \$242.99, additional funds are needed.
- Programs that fall outside of the traditional financial aid package – the food pantry, hygiene pantry, free PBnJ sandwiches, subsidized childcare – provide much-needed support to our students.

Download the full report at hope4college.com.

Comparison to Survey Respondents Attending Two-Year Institutions





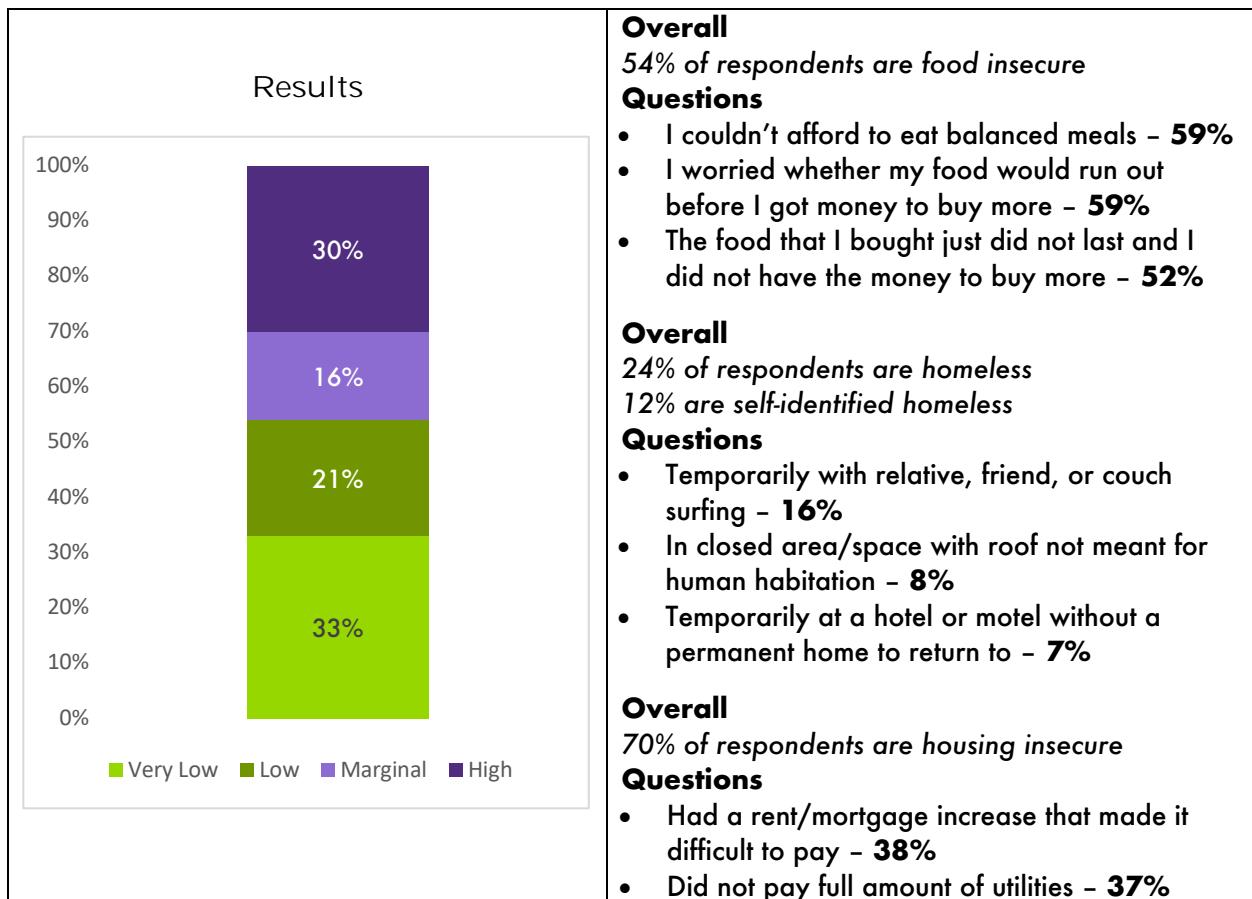
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Clover Park Technical College #RealCollege Survey Details

Purpose: The #RealCollege survey seeks to understand community college student experiences with homelessness, housing insecurity, and food insecurity.

Method: In October 2019, CPTC students were invited to take the #RealCollege survey via their student email in a message from the President and three subsequent weekly reminders. A Canvas announcement was also posted for the month of October. Students were directed to a Qualtrics survey and entered to win one of 10 \$100 gift cards, funded by a grant from SBCTC, for their time. This research project was approved by the Temple University IRB and reviewed by the chair of the CPTC IRB.

Respondents: The survey had 293 respondents, an estimated 7.8% return rate.



- *Food Insecurity* – "...the limited or uncertain availability of nutritionally adequate and safe food, or the ability to acquire such food in a socially acceptable manner."
- *Housing Insecurity* – "...a broad set of challenges such as the inability to pay rent or utilities or the need to move frequently."
- *Homelessness* – "...a person does not have a stable place to live."



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